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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ian J. Forster
Serial No. 09/618,506
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For: **MAGNETIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE ATTACHMENT AND DETACHMENT DEVICE AND METHOD**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: Lee, B.
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 16, 2002

In response to the office action mailed December 16, 2002, please find the following response. If any fees are required in association with this response, the Director is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1732, and consider this a petition therefor.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 7, 13, 23, and 57 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 34, 35, 48, 64, 67, 69, 70, 73, and 74 as follows:

34. (Twice Amended) A device that magnetically attaches to a magnetic surface portion of an article, comprising:

a wireless communication device; and

inside a chamber;

said magnet has a magnetic force that attaches said magnet to the magnetic surface portion of the article when in close proximity to the magnetic surface portion of the article;

said magnet moves in said chamber in a plane substantially perpendicular to said magnetic surface portion in response to said magnetic force or an external magnetic force.

35. (Twice Amended) A system for identification of an article, comprising:

an article having a magnetic surface portion;

a wireless communication device; and